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**Jesse Korn sentenced to 35 years in prison for sex assault**

LĪHU'E – Prosecuting Attorney Justin F. Kollar announced that Jesse Korn, 27, formerly of Kōloa, was sentenced to serve consecutive 20-, 10- and five-year prison sentences in two separate cases for a total period of 35 years. He had previously pleaded no contest to Sexual Assault in the First Degree, Kidnapping, Sexual Assault in the Second Degree, and Sexual Assault in the Third Degree.

Second Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Like represented the State of Hawai'i and court-appointed Attorney John Murphy represented Korn, who was present in court today with a Marshallese interpreter.

Korn was apprehended following a two-day manhunt and has been in custody since Dec. 12, 2017, in lieu of \$500,000 bail.

Kaua'i Police Detectives Darren Rose, Makana Rivera and Michael Nii, as well as Crime Scene Specialist Stephanie Regan, worked tirelessly in investigating these offenses. The sentence was handed down by Circuit Court Judge Kathleen N.A. Watanabe.

In the early morning hours of Dec. 10, 2017, Korn sexually assaulted three separate victims. Each of them were sleeping when he entered their homes. One of the victims was 11 years old at the time of the assault.

Judge Watanabe adopted the arguments of the State and found that the nature and circumstances of the crimes warranted a 35-year prison sentence. She noted that the charges involved multiple individuals, the offenses were sexual assault, and Korn had past convictions.

She went on to note that the seriousness of the offenses warrant that the public be protected from Korn and that a sentence of 35 years was necessary to reflect the harm done to the victims.

Because Korn is not a U.S. citizen, he faces deportation following his 35-year prison sentence.

Kollar stated, "Thanks to the excellent work of the detectives and the crime scene specialist in this case, we have permanently removed another predator from our streets. Our thoughts remain with the victims in this case, who all suffered tremendous trauma as a result of these crimes. We hope this result provides them with a measure of closure in this chapter of their lives."



Jesse Korn, age 27

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